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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6665

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DETENTION OF FSL EMPLOYEE IN CONNECTION
WITH ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

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1. A SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DETAINED PRESUMABLY FOR INTERROGATION IN CONNECTION WITH EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 3. WE PRESUME THIS IS RELATED TO HIS KNOWN ASSOCIATION WITH MILITARY MAJOR FIDELE OUBROU, PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S SON-IN-LAW. THE GOCAR HAS JUST TAKEN OUBROU INTO CUSTODY ON GROUND OF SUSPICION THAT HE MAY BE THE RINGLEADER OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

2. WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS AT THIS TIME THAT THIS IS ANYTHING MORE THAN A ROUTINE INTERROGATION AFTER WHICH THE FSL WILL BE RELEASED OR THAT GOCAR WILL ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE EMBASSY IN ANY WAY AS A RESULT OF FSL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH OUBROU. EMBASSY OF COURSE HAS NO INTENTION OF INTERVENING IN BEHALF OF EMPLOYEE. NONETHELESS, DUE TO NEAR PARANOIC ATMOSPHERE WHICH CURRENTLY PREVAILS IN BANGUI, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT DEPARTMENT BE MADE AWARE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.
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